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To: U - Mr. Webb
Through: S/S
From: P - Edward W. Barrett
Subject: The New Psychological Strategy Board

Just a few thoughts on the new psychological strategy board:

1. My only serious reservation about James Webb Young is that he identified himself strongly with the independent agency school without, in my opinion, making a real study of the problem.

2. The members of the present psychological strategy board, on the basis of what we have heard from you and from Sid Souers, are going ahead on the idea that we will probably have to carry on most of the work we now do.

Incidentally, we have now completed the Psychological Warfare Plan (overt) for wartime and are forwarding this to the NSC according to present instructions under which we operate. We are suggesting in the transmittal memo that the NSC will probably want to refer it to the new psychological strategy board for review and for the addition of such additional plans (covert) as the new board may consider necessary.

3. I think that whatever announcement, if any, is made of the new board should be very carefully weighed and very carefully considered to avoid press misinterpretation. A first draft has been done in my office and is now in the hands of Howland Sargeant, in case you want it.

cc: P - Mr. Sargeant
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